

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

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A RESOLUTION to designate the 24th of October as "Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should pause to recognize the growing prevalence and appreciation of acupuncture and Oriental medicine and to delegate a day designed to increase public awareness of the progress, promise, and benefits of acupuncture and Oriental medicine; and

WHEREAS, acupuncture and Oriental medicine have a long, rich history encompassing a variety of traditional health care therapies that have been used for more than 3,000 years to diagnose and treat illness, prevent disease, and improve well-being; and

WHEREAS, a practice of acupuncture is one of the essential elements of Oriental medicine; other elements include Chinese herbology, bodywork, and diet and exercise based on traditional medical principles; and

WHEREAS, an estimated thirty-six percent of U.S. adults use some form of complementary and alternative medicine; and

WHEREAS, because of this growing curiosity and desire to explore other medical options, one in every ten adults has received acupuncture at least one time, and nearly forty-eight percent of those were extremely satisfied with their treatment; and

WHEREAS, according to a National Institutes of Health consensus panel of scientists, researchers, and practitioners who met in 1997, clinical studies have shown acupuncture as an effective treatment for nausea caused by surgical anesthesia and cancer-related treatments. Acupuncture was also found useful to treat addiction, headaches, tennis elbow, lower back pain, and to assist in stroke rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, practitioners of acupuncture and Oriental medicine are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism and maintain these standards through education, credentialing, and personal commitments to helping people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we designate the 24th of October as “Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Day” in Tennessee. We urge all Tennesseans to join with us in recognizing the tremendous benefits of this ancient medical system and its ability to improve health and general well-being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.